

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: Larkin et al.

Art Unit: TBD

Serial No.: Division of SN 09/373,215

Examiner: TBD

Filed: Herewith

Docket: TI-23422.1

For: A METHOD FOR DECREASING CHC DEGRADATION

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, before line 1:

- -This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/373,215, filed 08/12/99, which claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/096,542 filed 08/13/98.- -

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-9.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The following new paragraph has been inserted on page 1, before line 1.

This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/373,215, filed 08/12/99, which claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/096,542 filed 08/13/98.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-9 have been canceled.